

Info Sharing Successes: New HSIN Community of Interest Goes Operational on New Year's Eve in Times Square

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Every year on New Year's Eve, approximately one million people gather in New York City's Times Square. Keeping them safe is the job of thousands of police officers, emergency service squads, drug and bomb-sniffing canine units, and counterterrorism personnel. As 2011 approached, New York's Mayor Bloomberg ordered the implementation of an information sharing program to connect the metropolis's 44 agencies, including six federal, 10 New York/New Jersey state, and 28 local agencies. In response, the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) stood up the New York City Office of Emergency Management Community of Interest (COI) to connect the various citywide command posts of the New York City Office of Emergency Management and the Fire Department of New York. The COI went operational for the first time on New Year's Eve 2010, merging all the various emergency, law enforcement, and federal personnel, and feeding them up-to-the-minute information. It marked the first time an information sharing operation of this size and breadth has been conducted in the nation's largest metropolitan area.

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